

## Message Text

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R 171355Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2649  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDIP, PINR, NL (BENDIEN, GUIDO WILLEM)

REF: KUWAIT 2944

1. GUIDO WILLEM BENDIEN, THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT AND ALSO ACCREDITED TO BAHRAIN, QATAR AND OMAN IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, WAS BORN FEBRUARY 7, 1921, IN ZEIST. HIS WIFE, THE FORMER DORA DAWSON-REID, IS OF ENGLISH ORIGIN. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

2. BENDIEN RECEIVED HIS DEGREE FROM THE ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR THE NAVY AT WILLEMSOORD IN 1938 AND WAS SERVING IN THE DUTCH NAVY AT THE TIME OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF THE NETHERLANDS IN 1940. HE ESCAPED TO ENGLAND AND CONTINUED TO SERVE IN THE DUTCH NAVY THROUGHOUT THE WAR YEARS. UPON LEAVING THE NAVY IN 1948, HE WAS WITH THE BUREAU FOR MARSHALL PLAN AID FOR A YEAR. IN 1949 HE JOINED THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IN 1956 BECAME THE FIRST HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF ATOMIC AFFAIRS. OTHER POSTS INCLUDE BRUSSELS (EEC)(1958-71), LAGOS (1971-73) AND NEW DELHI AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT IN 1977.

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3. BENDIEN IS UNKNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY, BUT BIOGRAPHIC RECORDS INDICATE THAT HE IS INTELLIGENT AND HARD WORKING AND HAS A GOOD SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE REPORTEDLY ENJOY SOCIAL LIFE AND ARE POPULAR IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY. HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE BASICALLY FRIENDLY TOWARD AMERICANS AND DURING HIS SERVICE IN THE MINISTRY WAS A USEFUL AND HELPFUL EMBASSY CONTACT. BESIDES DUTCH, HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN.

4. AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI MAY WISH TO ADD FURTHER INFORMATION.  
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